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## Commencement Season.

During the past week Commencement exercises have been held at very many of the colleges in the country, and by the close of next week all of these institutions will have graduated one more class of young men who will think they are ready to take their places in the affairs of the world.

It is impossible to determine just what degree of benefit young men receive from a four years' course in college. In the former days when a liberal education was within the reach of comparatively few, it was assumed that its advantages would be availed of only by those who meant to pursue a professional life, and the course of study was selected and arranged with a view to its influence upon the minds of the future doctors and lawyers and clergymen.

If we may judge of its effects by the ability and mental activity of the men who took their degree more than thirty years ago, it seems safe to conclude that the education thus given has greatly increased the usefulness of the men who then finished their school days.

But the period which has elapsed since the war, has witnessed surprising changes in the social conditions of life in America, and the fellows who to-day have received their diplomas were puny infants when the war of the Rebellion terminated.

They have been born into these changed conditions, and have grown to manhood in the midst of a greedy rush after the wealth which came so easily in the days which followed the flush times of the war.

Men of low degree, themselves uneducated and unrefined, have seen that their wealth was only a gilding for their vulgarity, and with sincere good-will have determined that their sons shall have a better start in life, and the boys have been sent to college.

The purpose in most instances was not so much to give them a liberal education as to gain for them the social advantages which are supposed to be available to the college-bred man. As might be expected, the sons of these shrewd and practical business men have not in them the stuff of which students are made. They did not come to college to study, but simply to be graduated, to get their degree.

Latin, Greek, Mathematics and the more difficult branches of learning presented obstacles which they could not easily overcome; so the colleges, anxious to retain their rich patrons, ceased to require these solid foundations for mental development, and substituted the optional courses in French and German and music, which were more attractive to men who preferred to shine rather than to excel.

Boating, base ball and athletic exercises, and glee clubs and amateur theatricals have come to fill a large space in the minds of the college boys of to-day, and it may well be doubted whether more students are not attracted to Harvard and Yale and Princeton by reason of these elements of social pleasure, than are drawn there by the learning of the faculty or the excellence of the course of study.

The amount of money which a rich man's son can and does spend in college, is incredible to those who have no information on this subject. Many of these boys, for they are only boys after all, spend as much or more in a single year than the average income of professional men of good standing and industry, more than enough to support a family in comfortable circumstances.

Who are to blame for this condition of affairs? We answer first, the faculty. They are anxious to have wealthy men interested in the college, in the hope that the institution may receive a share of the crumbs which fall from the rich man's table, so Dives' son is courted and favored and petted, till the young fool believes that he may do as he pleases and all will be forgiven.

When the Professors will teach the

boys that good character and industry are the qualities which command respect, snobs and swells will cease to believe that all the world is waiting to worship the golden calf.

But the parents are also to blame, though as a rule they know no better. No father who has the real advancement of his son at heart, should furnish a supply of money in excess of the reasonable requirements of the lad. The boy does not know the value of money. He has never earned a cent and perhaps never expects too, and what more natural than that what he receives so easily should be spent so freely.

The boy is of all the least to blame for the present condition of affairs in most of our colleges, and it is time that the good-natured parents and money-worshipping professors should see where the present condition of things is tending in time to stop the transformation of our places of learning into places of amusement.

## Public Schools.

The chief objections urged against the public school system are three in number: their support by general taxation is a species of socialism, the taking of tribute from all for the benefit of a few; their divorce education from religion; and they are impractical in their tendency.

Of objections generally, we may say—that they lie against everything human and divine. The best that can be alleged of any method of government, or policy of administration, is that it is a wise choice of evils. The punishment of criminals is brutalizing, if it be not followed by repentance. The free-will of men permits the choice of evil as well as good. It is not to be denied that some evils may flow from a system of education so vast, and so liberal as the free school system of America.

A general taxation for schools probably directly benefits as large a number as that levied for township or city purposes. Its usefulness in increasing general intelligence is inestimable in a commercial point of view.

The destroying of private schools is perhaps, an incidental evil. If the building of railroads destroyed the lines of stage-coaches which plied between all the important cities of the land their place was supplied by a medium of communication more rapid, more convenient and cheap. With all the sentiment clinging about them, who would have the slow lumbering stages back again, and give up the railroads?

So the schools supply an uniform, cheap and thoroughly democratic system of instruction, better suited to a Republic than the exclusive, costly, haphazard private schools of the past generations. As to morality and religion; they can be taught at home and in the church and Sunday-school. It is not necessary to thrust them into the study of arithmetic and geography to have their importance appreciated.

The kind of education that should be given is another matter. The leisurely, thoroughly educated gentleman of the past is scarcely looked upon with favor to-day. Such education is for the wealthy, we are told; the masses must be given a bread-and-butter training.

Trades must be taught; and manual labor made popular. Such argument has a basis of fact. The great mass of American youth seek clerkships, with large chance of failure. Many fall back into the trades with poor preparation and small success. Much of school training has to be undone in the actual work of the counting-house and the manufactory. What is needed is a constant approximation to business methods, a system which shall develop men and women, freed from the nonsense of fashion, and full of the hard common-sense of mature life.

We shall not reach this system by throwing out any step which lies between the cradle and the college, for thoroughly trained men are imperatively needed in every community, but by opening up new avenues of manual and art training for the youth of the land.

In a word the objections offered against the public schools are either invalid, or are capable of being met by such changes as time and circumstance may require.

The most stubborn fault-finder need not hesitate to enjoy whatever of good he may find in a commencement season. His wisest policy will be to make his objections felt, and mould the present system of education to his liking. It is too large and useful to be destroyed. It may be improved.

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